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Claims 2, 16 to 20 and 22 to 29 are pending and under consideration. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 2 (Previously presented) Method for manufacturing a solid combustible element (1) according to claim 16 characterized in that the internal space (2) is closed off after the aforesaid product is placed therein.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Previously presented) A method for manufacturing a solid combustible element (1) that comprises a product for disintegrating of a combustion deposit layer, comprising the steps of forming an internal space (2) in the solid combustible element (1) and placing said product in said space (2), wherein said product is any of liquid, powder, or solid units.

Claim 17 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 16 characterized in that the forming step comprises compressing an amount of particles of one or several combustible materials in the absence of a binding agent until the particles form a coherent aggregate.

Claim 18 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17 characterized in that heat is applied during the compressing of the particles.

Claim 19 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17 characterized in that the internal space (2) is formed by maintaining a passage through the element (1) during the compressing.

Claim 20 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17 characterized in that the particles have a natural coherence.

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Claim 21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Previously presented) A solid combustible element (1) comprising a product for disintegrating a combustion deposit layer, characterized in that the element (1) is formed by compressing an amount of loose particles of one or several combustible materials which have a natural coherence in the absence of a binding agent to form a coherent aggregate that has an internal space (2) and that the aforesaid product is located in said space (2), wherein the product is any of liquid, powder, or solid units.

Claim 23 (Previously presented) A solid combustible element (1) according to claim 22 characterized in that the internal space (2) it is closed off after inserting the product.

Claim 24 (Previously presented) A solid combustible element according to claim 22 characterized in that the combustible materials are of vegetable origin.

Claim 25 (Previously presented) A solid combustible element (1) according to claim 22 characterized in that the aforesaid product is solid units.

Claim 26 (Previously presented) A solid combustible element (1) according to claim 22 characterized in that said element (1) has an elongated form that is symmetrical in relation to a central longitudinal axis extending through said element and that the internal space (2) extends along the aforesaid central longitudinal axis.

Claim 27 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 2 wherein said forming step comprises compressing an amount of loose particles of one or several combustible materials in the absence of a binding agent until the particles form a coherent aggregate.

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Claim 28 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 18 characterized in that the internal space (2) is formed by maintaining a passage through the element (1) during the compressing step.

Claim 29. (New) A solid combustible element according to claim 23 characterized in that the internal space (2) is closed off after inserting the product.